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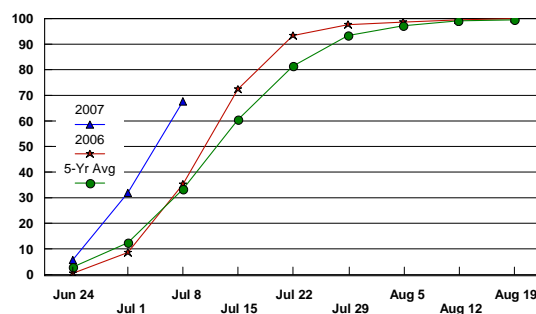
Agricultural Summary

Precipitation early last week, followed by warm temperatures the rest of the week, was beneficial to crops across the state. Temperatures and precipitation statewide, were slightly below average this past week. Hay cuttings continue, along with oats and wheat harvest. Corn and soybean conditions and development are very favorable. There were 5.7 days suitable for field work last week. Topsoil moisture was rated at 2 percent very short, 24 percent short, 71 percent adequate, and 3 percent surplus. Corn silked was at 68 percent. This compares to 36 percent for last year and 34 percent for the five-year average. Corn in the dough stage is at 3 percent, which is the same as last year at this time. Soybeans blooming are at 51 percent, compared to 33 percent last year and 31 percent for the five-year average. Soybeans setting pods were at 5 percent, compared to 3 percent last year. Wheat harvested was at 96 percent, ahead of the five-year average of 91 percent. Oats turning ripe were at 31 percent, which is ahead of the five-year average of 27 percent.

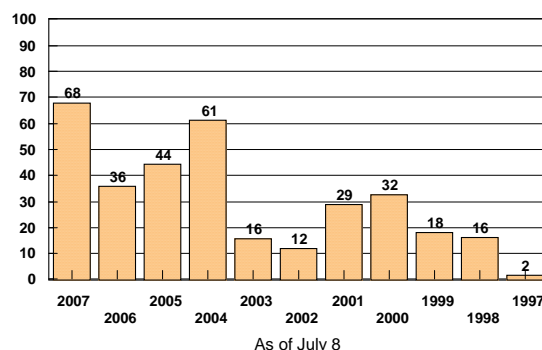
Crop Progress

Crop Stage	2007	2006	5-Year Average
July 8			
CORN:			
Silked	68	36	34
Dough	3	3	2
SOYBEANS:			
Blooming	51	33	31
Setting Pods	5	3	3
SORGHUM:			
Headed	10	8	7
OATS:			
Filled	98	95	89
Turning Yellow	77	70	63
Ripe	31	29	27
Harvested	12	11	11
WHEAT:			
Harvested	96	93	91
ALFALFA:			
Second Cutting	68	80	64
Third Cutting	8	8	4
RED CLOVER:			
Cutting	93	97	95

Corn - Percent Silked
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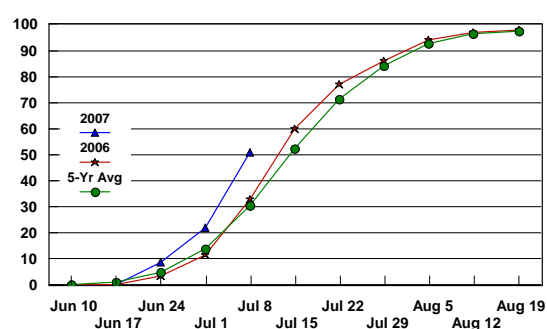


Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork Table

District	: Days Suitable	:	Topsoil Moisture		
	: for Fieldwork	: Very Short	: Short	: Adequate	: Surplus
	July 2 - 8		July 8		
Northwest	5.2	1	15	76	8
Northeast	6.1	-	34	66	-
West	6.3	5	37	58	-
Central	6.0	1	8	90	1
East	6.1	5	33	61	1
W Southwest	5.9	3	38	57	2
E Southeast	5.3	-	12	82	6
Southwest	4.8	4	16	75	5
Southeast	3.6	-	13	81	6
State	5.7	2	24	71	3

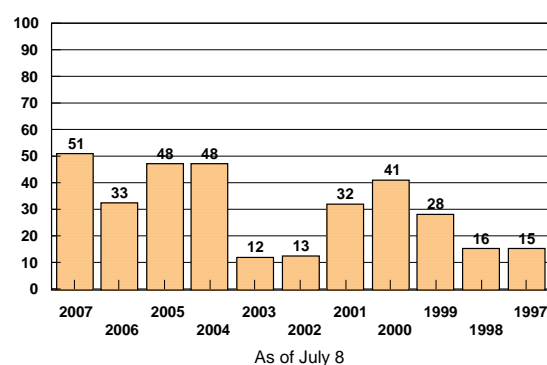
Soybeans - Percent Blooming

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Crop Conditions

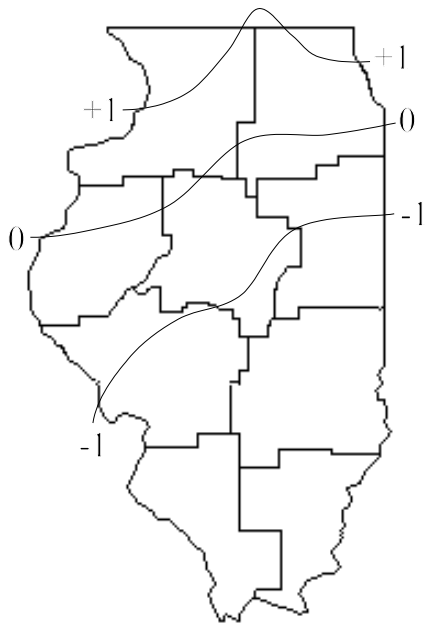
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
July 8					
Corn	1	4	14	53	28
Soybeans	1	5	18	55	21
Sorghum	5	3	25	56	11
Alfalfa	1	15	32	42	10
Pasture	1	10	40	43	6

Crop Progress by Districts

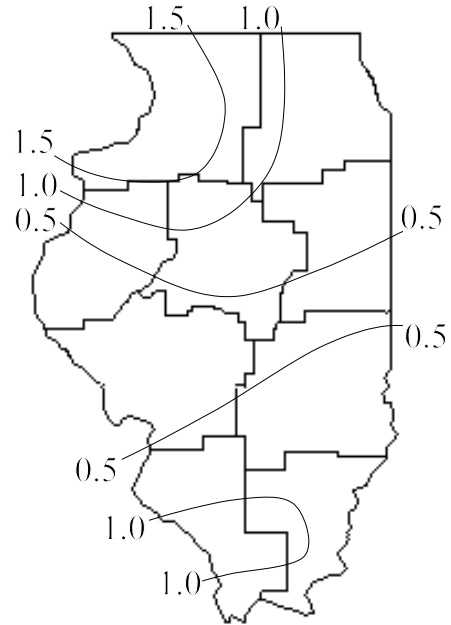
District	Corn Silked	Soybeans Blooming
July 8		
Northwest	50	63
Northeast	31	57
West	73	46
Central	88	52
East	65	53
W Southwest	76	51
E Southeast	79	50
Southwest	74	32
Southeast	77	55
State	68	51

Weather Information Table

District	Temperature			Precipitation		
	Average	Normal	Departure	Total	Normal	Departure
July 2 - 8						
Northwest	74.0	73.4	0.6	1.74	0.91	0.83
Northeast	73.5	73.1	0.4	0.84	0.78	0.05
West	75.8	75.9	-0.2	0.34	0.98	-0.64
Central	74.2	75.0	-0.8	0.62	0.79	-0.17
East	73.3	74.5	-1.2	0.53	0.85	-0.32
W Southwest	75.3	76.6	-1.3	0.33	0.78	-0.44
E Southeast	74.8	76.5	-1.7	0.74	0.83	-0.09
Southwest	76.3	77.7	-1.3	1.41	0.89	0.52
Southeast	76.2	77.6	-1.4	1.08	0.92	0.17
State	74.8	75.5	-0.8	0.84	0.85	-0.01



Temperature (°F) Departure
July 2 - 8



Precipitation (in.) Total
July 2 - 8

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